(d) the details of each case and the stage in which these cases are presently pending including the date of institution or appeal; and

(e) whether any steps have been initiated to take up the matter with concerned administrative machinery and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi has initiated two cases under Section 7-A of the EPF & MP Act against the ITDC management (Headquarters) during the current year. Out of these two cases necessary order has already been passel in one case. The ITDC management has not filed any appeal/writ petition against this order. The detailed information about legal proceedings launched by the EPF authorities under Section 7A and 14B during the last three years is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of additional quantity of Sugar on festivals

3502. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional quantity of sugar is distributed to card-holders of Delhi & Uttar Pradesh on the occasions of some festivals;

(b) if so, the quantity of such additional quantity with names of these festivals;

(c) whether quota of distribution of sugar to F.P.Ss has since been enhanced in recent past;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to enhance quantity of additional sugar being supplied to card-holders on festivals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Dehli and Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that on the occasion of Dussehra/Diwali festival, about 500 grams of levy sugar per card are released.

(c) Sugar quota has been enhanced for distribution to FPS in NCT of Delhi in the recent past. No such enhancement has been made in the case of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) Additional adhoc allocation of 1200 tonnes of levy sugar has been made to NCT of Delhi from July, 1993. This is being continued for the present.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Any additional allocation by the Central Government will depend upon the availability of sugar for PDS at that point of time.

Working time of Fair Price Shops

3503. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) wheher some working timings of FPSs have been fixed in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of these timings separately for Delhi & Uttar Pradesh alongwith the holidays allowed to these FPSs;

(c) whether Complaint books have been provided to each F.P.S. enabl-

ing card holders to point out any lapse of working timings in these books;

(d) whether FPSs have been instructed to display their working timings in conspicuous manner;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons for not strengthening Public Distribution System;

(f) whether Government propose to issue instructions to concerned Deputy Commissioner of Delhi and an official of similar rank of Uttar Pradesh to make surprise visit to these FPSs once in two months to ensure observance of working timings by the FPSs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not reasons for not strengthening the P.D.S. on suggestions as and when received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) Delhi has reported that instructions have been issued to the Fair Price Shops in Delhi to observe the following timings:—

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM.

3.00 PM to 7.00 PM

Lunch time from 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM. The Fair Price Shops (FPS) observe weekly holiday on the day it is weekly holiday for the market at that area.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. FPS holders have been instructed to display complaint books at conspicuous places and make it available to the ration card holders on demand for recording complaints, if any.

(f) to (g) Officers of the Food and Civil Supplies Department of Delhi Administration, officers of the Status of Deputy Commissioner, Additional District Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrate make surprise checks of FPSs to ensure that FPSs observe stipulated timings. Suggestions received for strengthening and streamlining the PDS are considered by the Government of NCT or Delhi.

Information from the Government of Uttar Pradesh is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Model fair price shops in Delni**

3504. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Model Fair Price shops have been set up in Delhi under the PDS;

(b) if so, the details of their locations, area-wise alongwith the names of articles being sold through these shops;

(c) whether these shops are distributing sugar to card holders in the event of exhaust of stock or for delayed supplies with F.P.Ss;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the working timings and days of these shops, area-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to open such more shops in Delhi in future; and

(f) if so, the names of localities selected and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir, According to the Government of